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For: *ESSENTIAL GENES AND ASSAYS RELATING THERETO*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page one, following the title "ESSENTIAL GENES AND ASSAYS RELATING THERETO", please insert:

-- Related Applications

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This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 371 from PCT Application No. PCT/GB00/03444, filed in English on September 6, 2000, which claims the benefit of Great Britain Application Serial No. 9921009.8, filed on September 7, 1999, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-36.

Please enter the following new claims: